

Panel of Collaborators Share Wisdom on Partnerships, Parent Involvement, and Community Relations

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A core group of key stakeholders in Virginia began meeting in April 2009 to begin the process of identifying individuals from different sectors, agencies, departments, and levels of government who have expertise in the field Out-of-School Time (OST). Our goal is to bring together representatives from the governor's office, state education agency, child care, health, labor, youth development, juvenile justice, statewide associations, and the private sector to create cross-agency collaboration to promote quality OST programs throughout Virginia.

Virginia Partners

- Virginia Municipal League (VML)
- Commission on Youth (COY)
- Virginia Association of Counties (VACO)
- Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)
- Fairfax County Public Schools
- Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS)
- Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (VDJJ)
- Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY)
- Alternatives, Inc.
- Virginia School Board Association (VSBA)
- Fairfax School Age Child Care (SACC)
- Voices for Virginia's Children
- Newroads Consulting
- Virginia Commonwealth University, Center for School-Community Collaboration (VCU)
- Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
- Child Care Aware of Virginia (CCAFA) formerly Virginia Child Care Resource and Referral Network (VACCRRN)
- Virginia School-Age Child Care Association (VSACCA).
- United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg

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Environmental Education Community

Goal: The Environmental Education community in Virginia functions in a unified manner and is coordinated with other citizen stewardship activities to fully engage various audiences. State agencies, Universities and Regional EE Networks coordinate efforts to get children outside and involved through **Virginia Naturally** and the **Virginia Resource Use Education Council**.



Growing partnerships Virginia Naturally established a partnership program for businesses and organizations that have environmental components or missions as part of their programs. At the end of 2010 the Virginia Office of Environmental Education reported that there are over 900 [Virginia Naturally Partners](#).

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What is Virginia Naturally?

Virginia Naturally provides citizens and educators with a virtual library, where learning about Virginia's environment is just a click away. This is your gateway to statewide environmental education resources including information about volunteer opportunities, educational classes, places to visit, community events, watershed maps, lesson plans, and recreational activities, to name a few.

Who supports Virginia Naturally?

Public and private organizations and agencies dedicated to linking people to Virginia's natural and historic resources are the heart of this initiative. Using cutting-edge technology, this partnership provides a vast range of factual information and educational resources -- programs, publications, events, classes, and other services for adults and young people.

Become a Virginia Naturally partner

Public and private organizations that provide educational services to youth and adults can support the initiative by becoming Virginia Naturally partners. Partners are part of a statewide network working to build knowledge and skills in all Virginians and an appreciation for life-long learning and personal responsibility to conservation. There is a Virginia Naturally Calendar of Events that is available to advertise programs, activities, and events.

[Sign up](#) to be a Virginia Naturally partner. It's quick, easy and FREE!

Growing partnerships

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- Virginia Naturally Schools**
As of 2010, 52 schools have been recognized as [Virginia Naturally schools](#) demonstrating exemplary practices in environmental education. Virginia Naturally schools make an effort to support environmental conservation and stewardship. A recognized school must continue to submit an annual plan and add an additional feature to its environmental and conservation plan each year.
- Virginia Naturally Grants Program**
In 2002, in an effort to help teachers meet Bay Agreement's educational goals, the [Virginia Resource Use Education Council](#) (VRUEC) partnered with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the Virginia Environmental Endowment (VEE), and Smithfield Foods to establish and administer the Virginia Naturally Classroom program. Many classrooms around the state are conducting "[Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences](#)" thanks to the Virginia Naturally Classroom Grants and Partner Grants. Combined, 748 grants have been awarded for a total of \$643,900 involving more than 200,000 students, 1,000 faculty and 800 community partners.

History of Virginia Naturally

Virginia Naturally
Virginia's gateway to environmental information and resources
[www.VaNaturally.com](#)

Featured Topics

- [Environment Virginia Symposium April 9 - 11](#)
- [2013 New Professional Development Opportunities for the spring and summer](#)
- [Virginia Authors](#)
- [Virginia Naturally 2012 Annual Report \(PDF\)](#)
- [Virginia Naturally Newsletter](#)
- [2012 Environmental Education Conference](#)
- [Status of EE in Virginia \(PDF\)](#)
- [Watershed Educators Institute \(PDF\)](#)
- [Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience \(MWEE\) Resources](#)
- [Curricula, partners, project ideas, field study locations and more](#)
- [Project WET 2.0](#)
- [WET, WILD, Underground & Learning Tree Workshop Request Form](#)
- [Classroom Grant](#)

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School & Parents Partners in Education

Adult Education Classes



Prevention and Education



Strong Families



Feeding the Body



It Takes a Village



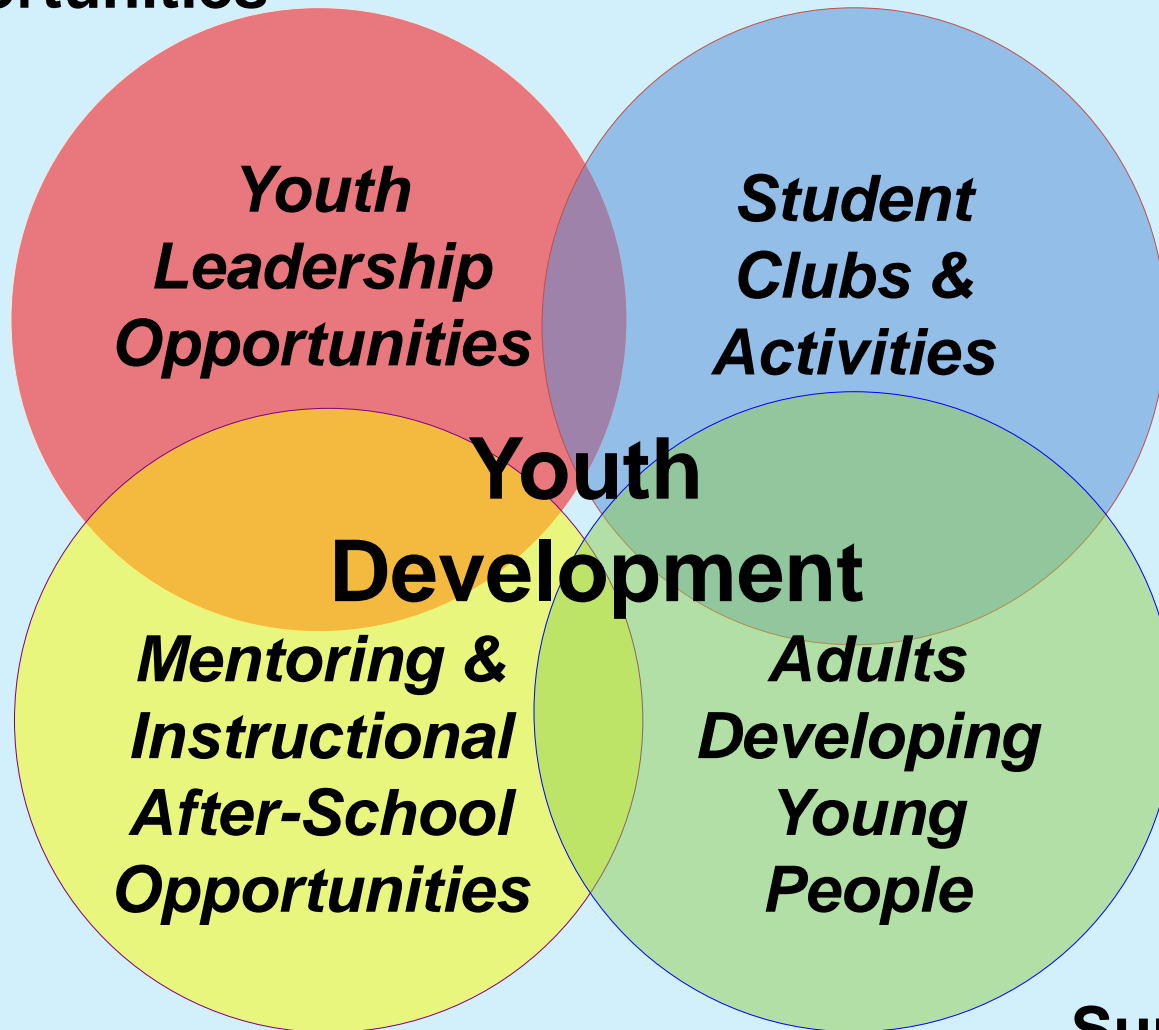
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Community Collaborations

Opportunities



- Framework
- Students' Needs
- Developmental Assets
- Purposeful Collaborations
- Connections to Program Objectives

Supports

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